

# Results of 2005 Election Questionnaire

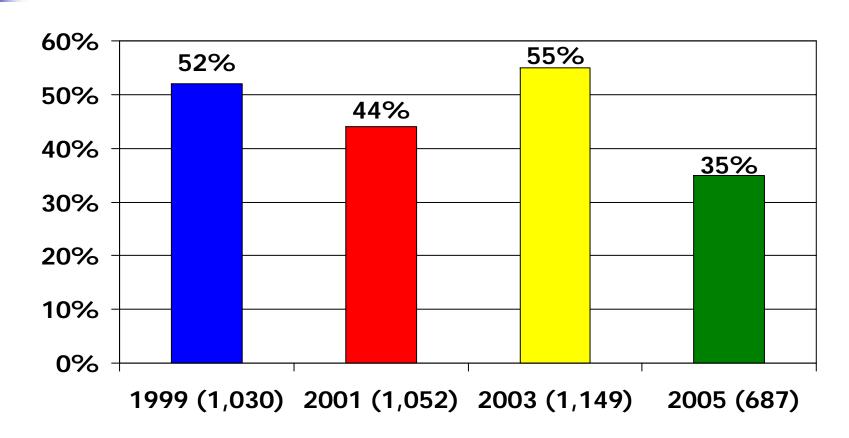
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# Summary

- 687 Responses or 35% of voters (lower rate than previous years).
- Overall City Services score well. In Police, Public Works & Recreation, the largest response was "Excellent" or "Good" and the scores are 3.56 or better.
- Rating scale switched from 4 point to 5 point scale.

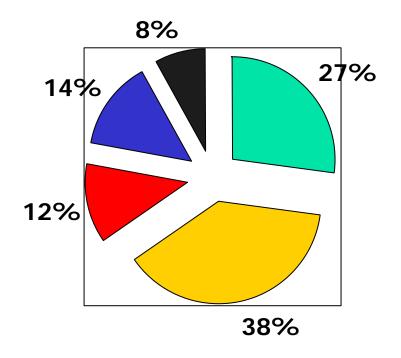


# Response Rate: Last 4 Surveys



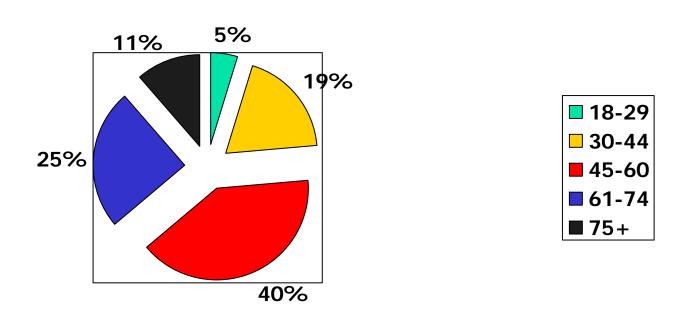


# Housing Type



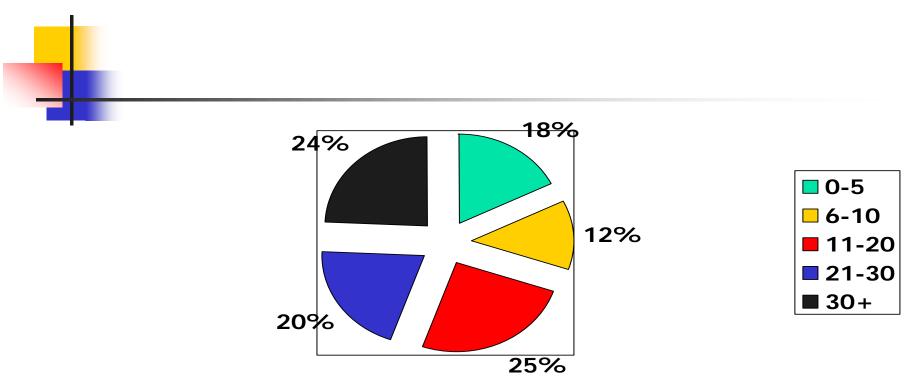


# Respondent's Age



76% of respondents are over age 45.

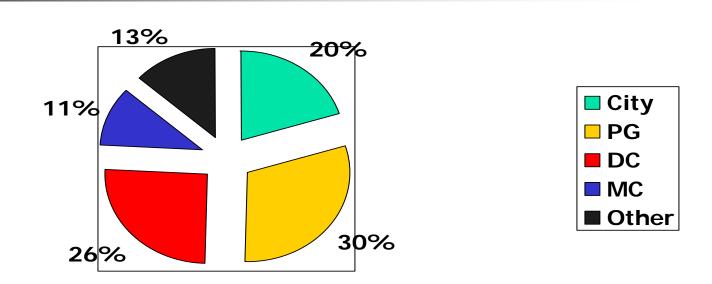
### Years Lived in Greenbelt



45% of Respondents have lived here more than 20 years!

### Work Location

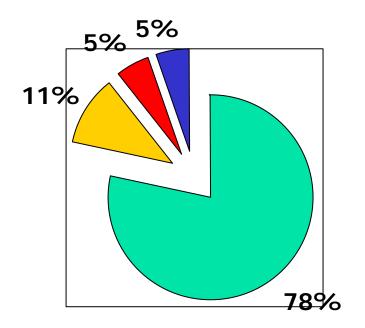




76% of Respondents work in the City, County or DC.



### Commute to Work







### CHANGE IN RATING SCALE

2003 4 Point Scale 2005 5 Point Scale

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

- Excellent
- Good
- Average
- Fair
- Poor



### Comparison to 2003 Results

- It is difficult to gauge impact of rating scale change. All scores increased 20-32%.
- Staff believes that a 25% increase means "no change"
- If true, 16 of 22 scores improved, while 6 went down.



# The Highs & The Lows

### Top Rated Services

- Senior Programs
- Fire & Rescue
- Horticulture/Planting
- Special Events
- Community Center
- Parks/Trails

#### **Lowest Rated Services**

- Youth Center
- Street Lighting
- Traffic Control
- Parking Enforcement
- SHL Rec. Center



### **Overall Scores**

In the 3 main categories (Public Safety, Public Works & Recreation), the largest response was "Excellent" or "Good."

Scores in these 3 groups were 3.56 or better.

# Overall Average Score (by Precinct)

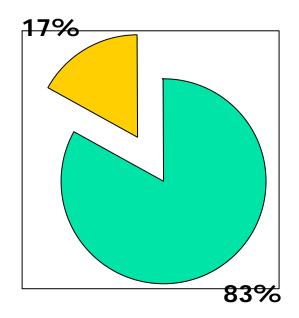
### Rating scale is 1.00 to 5.00

- Precinct 3 3.91
- Precinct 6 3.82
- Precinct 8 3.50
- Precinct 13 3.79

# Police Department



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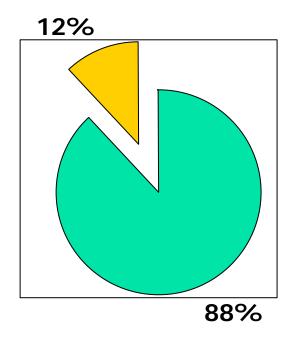




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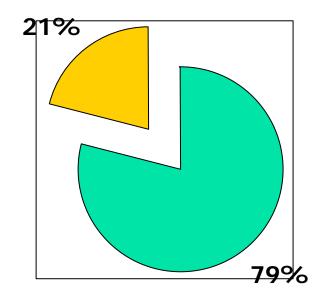




### Community Dev./Code Enforcement



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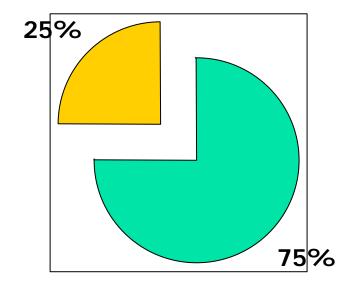




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# Recreation Department

Two new questions were asked?

Which programs are you most likely to attend?

- weekend family recreation activities
- special events
- teen/adult classes or leagues

What factors prevent you from using Rec. services?

- don't have time
- no factors

# GAIL Program

Are you aware of GAIL programs?

43% of respondents said "yes"

Would you utilize respite care provided by volunteers?

77% of respondents said "yes"



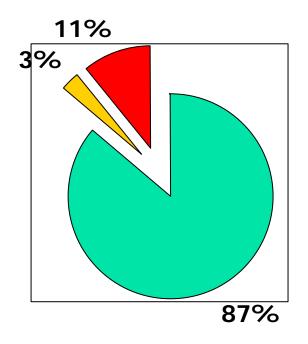
### Most Critical Needs in Schools

- Smaller Classes
- More Teachers

(These were the two highest needs in 2003 and 2001 as well.)



### Do you know which items to recycle?







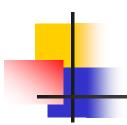
### **Public Information Questions**

- 41% have watched programming on Channel 71
- 79% have internet access
- 43% visited the City's website
- 67% prefer to receive City information via the News Review.



### **General Comments**

- There are 54 pages of responses to the "open-ended" and "General Comments" questions.
- The responses are too numerous and varied to categorize.
- They are very interesting to read.



# The End

While there is always room for improvement, overall the results are very positive.

Congratulations to the citizens, Council and employees of Greenbelt for a job well done!